

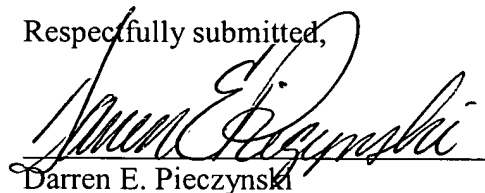
REMARKS

Applicant has not been presented with any prior art that teaches suggests or discloses separating the power source for the light in the assemble as claimed, and therefore requests the Office set forth more specific reasons for its conclusion of obviousness. There are several non-obvious advantages in the invention as claimed including that the battery need not be attached at all times in the harsh and cold environment often involved with ice fishing. The separation allows the light assembly to remain attached to the tip-up flag arm during storage, while the bulk of the power source may be removed. The removable power source located generally at the bottom of the tip-up flag arm allows for larger dense sources to be utilized while retaining the ability to display the light assembly at the highest point possible on a tip-up flag arm. In addition, the Muenchow reference applied did not find the applicant's solution obvious when faced with the same problem, but instead moved the assembly lower on the arm.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Dated: June 11, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

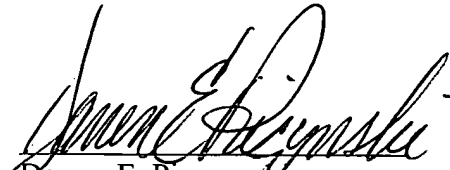


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